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CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 22.—That
Henry Ford now realizes the hope-
lessness of obtaining concrete re-
sults from his peace mission, is the
general opinion of men close to
him today.

Ford, it is rumored, plans to
end the peace trip in a perfunctory
manner and as soon as possible.
He is deeply disappointed at the
lack of warmth of reception of the
peace delegates in Norway and by
the frank declaration of hostility
on the part of the Danish authori-
ties.

These reports resulted from the
fact that both Ford and Mme.
Schwimmer, who suggested the
peace cruise, have been in retire-
ment for several days. Ford is re-
covering rapidly from a spell of
sickness, it is stated, and will be
able to join the peace delegates
when they leave for Stockholm to-
morrow.

MEMBER OF PARTY DIES.

Norwegian students banqueted
members of the Ford party last night,
but it is reported that the bit for the en-
tertainment was sent to Ford's head-
quarters, Louis P. Lochner, Ford's sec-
retary, notified the students that the
Detroit manufacturer will contribute
\$10,000 toward new university buildings.
Miss Katharine Jackle, publicity
agent for Ford, issued a statement ad-
dressed to the Norwegian press today,
declaring that the opinion of the Ameri-
can press with regard to the Ford en-
terprise had suddenly turned favorable.
Lloyd M. Bingham, husband of Amelia
Bingham, well-known actress, and a
member of the Ford peace party, died
here today from pneumonia.

Became Ill Aboard Ship.

Bingham became ill in the midst of
this disapprobation. He contracted
pneumonia aboard ship and was
removed to a hospital the day after the
body of the Christiania. Arrangements
are being made to ship his body
back to New York.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TO BEGIN TOMORROW

Comprehensive Programs Pre-
pared and Fifty Christmas
Trees Purchased.

Fifty-thousand school children in
Washington today are making an earnest,
but often vain, effort to fix their
attention on the indisputable fact that
the holidays are here. The schools
will close tomorrow and in practically all
of the kindergartens and primary grades
there will be Christmas trees and an
exchange of presents made by the chil-
dren.

One of the most comprehensive pro-
grams will be that at the James O.
Wilson School, where the little
folks have been rehearsing several ap-
propriate plays and tableaux. The
board of education several weeks ago
authorized the purchase of nearly fifty
Christmas trees for the schools.

Superintendent Ernest L. Thurston
and President Henry P. Blair, of the
board of education, today sent letters
of greeting to the teachers and
officers of the public school system.

"I appreciate the faithful, efficient
service you have rendered in our great
work," Mr. Thurston's letter reads, "and
your cordial, friendly response to the
many special demands it makes on you.
I recognize with special happiness your
sincere devotion to the best interest
of the children entrusted to your care."

Mysterious Deaths Terrify War Plants

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 22.—

Violent and mysterious deaths
of foremen at the Standard
Steel car plant here had ter-
rified workmen today. The
plant is making munitions
for the allies.

Luther M. Butler, foreman in
the steel hammer room, was
crushed to death yesterday
when the ram of a great ham-
mer mysteriously fell upon him.

Frank Holder, another foreman,
was assassinated from ambush
as he stepped from a street
car near his home a week ago.
Authorities are investigating
threats against the lives of
other foremen.

NEW YORKERS MAY DINE ON HORSE MEAT

Health Department Aims Blow
at High Cost of Living—Imi-
tates Paris.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Horse steaks
are in prospect in New York today.
The board of health repealed a section
of the code prohibiting the slaughter
of horses for food.

Paris eats horse, why shouldn't New
York? was the attitude of health officers
in placing Dublin on the butcher's coun-
ters.

"Horse meat is without objection as
food," said health Commissioner Em-
erson today. "It can be made a valuable
and cheap addition to tables of thrifty
persons, and a horse generally is so free
from disease as to need less supervision
than cows, pigs or sheep."

New York is the first city in the United
States to permit the sale of horse meat
for food. The new order will take effect
January 1.

Colt Cullies Permitted.

Officials of the health department said
today they are not going to encourage
the consumption of horseflesh, but be-
lieve if a New Yorker wants a colt
cullie or a Percheron porterhouse he is
entitled to it.

Never Has Tuberculosis.

"The horse never has tuberculosis and
practically never communicates a ma-
lignant disease to human beings," says
health Commissioner Emerson. "Conse-
quently the strict regulation of horse
meat would not be necessary, as with
cows, sheep, or poultry, except that all
horse meat should be so labeled. There
is no medical reason to prevent equine
meat from being edible."

To Show the Relative Value of Such

Food Abroad I need only cite the report
of New York.

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\$250 FOR GRANDMA MAKES HAPPY HOME

Charity Opportunity No. 8 Clos-
ed by Generous Gift From
Single Donor.

Opportunity No. 8 is closed.

The grandmother who is trying to
make a real home for two grand-
children is assured a Merry Christmas,
and food and shelter throughout the year.
The generous donor who sent \$250
with the request that it be applied to
"No. 8," and any balance be given to
some other opportunity on the list.

An "old soldier" sent in \$1 and
thoughtfully enclosed a 1-cent stamp
to cover postage on the acknowledgment.
A "widow's mite" of \$1 is a sym-
ple of sacrifices that are represented
on the list of givers.

The Associated Charities has distrib-
uted through the mails 2,000 coin cards.
These are labeled "Santa Claus, the
Big Brother or Big Sister Kind. Have
you ever tried playing him?"

So far the total subscriptions have
not reached the \$2,000 mark. The total
amount subscribed, including the \$250
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Lawyers Asked to Get Deputies 'Out of Trenches'

"Send your legal papers in early. Help
to get the deputies out of the trenches
by Christmas."

GASOLINE RISE PAPER SURE OF TO 25 CENTS AMIT OF U. S. IS PREDICTED AND GERMANY

Quarter Dollar Mark to Be
Reached Within Month, Be-
lieves Oil Co. Manager.

PRICE IS SOARING STEADILY

War Causes Shortage, But Per-
manent Dearth Not Feared.
in View of New Fields.

Gasoline at 25 cents a gallon, whole-
sale, before the end of January, with
retailers charging from half a cent to
two cents above that figure, is the
prediction made today by the man-
ager of one of the largest oil com-
panies doing business in Washington.
The wholesale price went up a cent
in this city yesterday and in New
York it advanced from 20 to 21 cents.
The price in Washington is now 20 1/2
cents a gallon, wholesale, or from
tank wagons. Automobile owners are
now paying from 21 to 22 1/2 cents a
gallon here.

Local experts say that a diminishing
supply and an increased demand,
largely on account of the war, are
the factors causing this unprecedented
rise. There is no danger of a perma-
nent shortage, they assert, for there
are many oil fields that have not
been tapped, but last year and
early this year the price of crude oil
was so low that there was very little
drilling done, with the result that oil
wells are now drying up and there
are few new ones to take their place.

Fluctuations in Price.
A table showing the fluctuations of
oil prices, wholesale, in New York,
for the last five years follows:
Year. Open High Low Close
1911 11 11 11 11
1912 11 11 11 11
1913 11 11 11 11
1914 11 11 11 11
1915 11 11 11 11

Well-Drillers Busy.
Normally, the Washington prices are
about 1 cent below those of New York,
though when the price was 9 cents
there it was a little higher here. Until
the present year the top price for gaso-
line was 11 cents, reached in 1913. Dur-
ing that year many new gas wells were
opened, the oil fields here and an im-
provement was made in the method
of refining crude oil, so that the price
fell back 4 cents in the next few
months.

Most of the oil used in this city
comes from Pennsylvania and Ohio
fields, covers little more than 100
miles. But the exhaustion of the fields
in the latter State has increased the
demand on Pennsylvania and Ohio
wells and a larger price elsewhere is
the consequence.

Well-drillers are now reported busy in
many sections of the country, and the
outlook is for cheaper gasoline several
months hence, but in the meantime
the riding will be an expensive con-
traption.

GEN. VILLA WILL NOT CONTINUE OPERATION

Carranza Troops Will Guard
Against Rioting When Villa
Reaches Juarez.

General Villa is expected to reach
Juarez tonight. This information in
dispatches to the War Department to-
day, apparently dispels rumors that
Villa on the last moment might decide
to continue operations as leader of
guerrilla bands along the border.

Rioting yesterday at Juarez is re-
ported completely suppressed. Possibility
of demonstrations when Villa reaches
there will be properly guarded against
by Carranza troops on the border. The
War Department reports said
Villa, while still holding to his pro-
gram to come into this country and give
up all claims to any political leadership
or power, has repudiated the true
agreement signed by his former generals
a few days ago.

The State Department today received
commissary dispatches of the plotting
at Juarez. They said one American
was killed on the American side of the
border by a bullet from the gun from
an "irresponsible soldier."

FUNDS SOUGHT FOR MILITARY INVENTION

Extra \$300,000 Asked for Ex-
periments Like Those In
Industrial Plants.

The board of ordnance and fortifica-
tion of the War Department in its an-
nual report to Secretary Garrison today
asked an increased appropriation of
\$300,000 for the next fiscal year to enable
it to carry on experiments with mili-
tary inventions.

"The work carried on by this board is
comparable to that of the experimental
and research laboratories maintained by
all large industrial plants," the report
says. "And the knowledge gained in ad-
vanced experimentation is returned many-
fold by the adoption and use of satisfac-
tory implements and engines of war."
During the year, \$83,675 was allotted
for experiments and tests, among the
tests being those with the John Hays
Hammond, Jr., apparatus for the radio
control of submarines, the purchase of
which was recommended by the board.
Major Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff
of the army, signed today's report as
president of the board.

AMERICA REFUSES TO QUIBBLE WITH AUSTRIA; REPEATS ITS DEMANDS

TEXT OF NEW AMERICAN
NOTE TO AUSTRIA

The text of the latest American note to the Austro-Hungarian
government, forwarded to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna on Decem-
ber 19, is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, December 19, 1915.

You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-
Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows:
The Government of the United States has received the
note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona,
which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and
transmitted to Washington, and has given the note im-
mediate and careful consideration.

On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiadenek, the charge
d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Wash-
ington, transmitted to the Department of State a report of
the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking
of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the
vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped
and when passengers were still on board. This admission
alone, in the view of the Government of the United States,
sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which
fired the torpedo the responsibility for having wilfully
violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disre-
garded those humane principles which every belligerent
should observe in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these
admitted circumstances the Government of the United States
feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of
the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional
testimony corroborating the admiralty's report, and the number
of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential mat-
ters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in
any case established, and the undisputed fact is that citizens
of the United States were killed, injured, or put in jeopardy
by his lawless act.

The rules of international law and the principles of
humanity which were thus wilfully violated by the com-
mander of the submarine have been so long and so uni-
versally recognized and are so manifest from the stand-
point of right and justice that the Government of the
United States does not feel called upon to debate them
and does not understand that the imperial and royal gov-
ernment questions or disputes them.

The Government of the United States therefore finds
no other course open to it but to hold the imperial and royal
government responsible for the act of its naval commander
and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in its
communication of the 6th of December, 1915. It sincerely
hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable
the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice
of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit
of frankness and with the same concern for the good re-
lations now existing between the United States and Austria-
Hungary which prompted the Government of the United
States to make them.

LANSING.

Varna's Reported Fall Presage Slav Drive Through Bulgaria

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Unconfirmed re-
ports that the Russians have captured
the important Bulgarian seaport of
Varna aroused the greatest excitement
here today. The reports, however, are
accepted with the greatest reserve.

No mention is made of the bombard-
ment of Varna in the Petrograd of-
ficial statement telegraphed here last
night. But dispatches from Rome,
Rome, and Athens reported that a large
Russian squadron was shelling Varna
and Greek reports said the fleet was
accompanied by sixteen heavily laden
transports.

Infantry Landed.
The dispatch to the Chronicle, re-
porting the capture of Varna, was
dated at Athens at noon yesterday, one
day later than other press messages
reporting the port being shelled. It
was stated that the city was laid in
ruins and the forts silenced. Russian
infantry and artillery were then
landed.

A neutral consul at Varna tele-
graphed the news to Athens, the Chroni-
cle correspondent wired.
If the Athens reports are true, the
Russians have begun the long look-
ed-for invasion of Bulgaria by a flanking
attack that may cause the immediate
withdrawal of the Bulgarians from the
Greek frontier.

Imperial Communications.
Such a maneuver would cause a radical
change in the Balkan fighting. Im-
perial the Austro-German communica-
tions with Constantinople, and if suc-
cessful, end the prospects of a German
campaign against Egypt.

It is assumed here that if the Rus-
sians landed troops at Varna at all,
at least 100,000 men. An army at least
that large would be needed to with-

VIENNA RESPONSIBLE FOR ANCONA SINKING, U. S. CHARGES

New Note Asserts Law and Hu-
manity Were Wilfully Violat-
ed by Attack.

LANSING REFUSES TO DEBATE

No Course Open But to Hold Im-
perial Government Responsi-
ble. He Says.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Press
dispatches from Amsterdam this
afternoon declare the American
rejoinder to Austria has reached
Vienna.

The United States directly
charges the Austro-Hungarian
government with responsibility for
the act of its submarine commander
in sinking the Italian liner Ancona,
with a loss of American lives, in the
second Ancona note, which was
made public today.

The note reiterates the demands
previously made for disavowal,
reparation, and punishment of the
submarine commander.

As repeatedly forecast in The
Times, the note flatly refuses to
debate the "rules of international
law and the principles of humani-
ty." The suggestion of the Austro-
Hungarian government, made in
reply to the first note, that the
United States should present fur-
ther evidence, also is rejected.

The United States rests its case
confidently on Austria's own ad-
missions, made in the report of its
admiralty.

WILFUL VIOLATION PROVED

"This admission alone is held suffi-
cient by the United States to prove
"wilful violation" of the "recognized law
of nations," and "disregard" of "those
humane principles which every belliger-
ent should observe."

Despite the fact that no time limit
is fixed in the note, Austria will be
expected to reply promptly. Two weeks
at the utmost, dating from last Sunday,
when the communication was sent, is
regarded by the State Department as
a reasonable time within which to ex-
pect a satisfactory answer.

In this connection it was learned
authoritatively at the department to-
day that but for the uncertainty of
cable communication, the second note
would have fixed a time limit. It is
stated that whereas, under favorable
conditions, a note can be communi-
cated between Vienna and Washing-
ton in twenty-four hours, at other
times it has required two and even
three days to get it through. Am-
bassador Penfield has not yet com-
municated to the department that the
note published today has reached its
destination.

May Remove Bad Feeling.

Owing to the fact that the direc-
cables between the United States and
Germany were cut at the outset of the
war, communications must now be re-
layed by way of London, Malta, and
Bern, Switzerland.
Diplomats in Washington who read
today the second note to Austria com-
mented on the fact that it omits the
reference to the first note to the fact
that Austria should have been advised
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FRENCH WIN SUMMIT SOUGHT SINCE APRIL

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville)
Dec. 22.—French troops have cap-
tured the summit of Hartmanns-
weilerkopf by an assault with strong
forces, the war office admitted this
afternoon. The battle for the position
has been going on since April.
Part of the position, however, has
been recaptured by the Germans, it
was stated.